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Included: Resume
Executive Appointment Confirmation Review Form
D-1 Form

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

30 years of professional experience in both state and federal law enforcement and intelligence which includes administration, developing and delivering training, and conducting investigations. As part of administration, responsible for the effective planning and organizing of operations including personnel and collective bargaining, program development and administration, fiscal management, lobbying and testifying before legislative committees, as well as media relations and public speaking.

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS, CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION (1982)
Eastern Washington University

INVESTIGATIONS, INTELLIGENCE & MANAGEMENT TRAINING (1987)
FBI Academy – Drug Enforcement Administration, Quantico VA

GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP (Spring 1994)
Rocky Mountain Program, University of Colorado

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Helena MT

1993 – Present

Division Administrator

Reporting directly to the Attorney General and Chief of Staff, as the Administrator for the Division of Criminal Investigations provides leadership and professional expertise to the operational functions of the division's five bureaus (Investigations Bureau, Investigative Support Bureau, Montana Law Enforcement Academy, Narcotics Bureau, and the Children's Justice Center) which provide professional investigative and training assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies; promotes cooperation among federal, state and local agencies; and provides a professional education and training program in criminal justice for Montana law enforcement officers and other qualified personnel. Developed and implemented programs designed to meet the needs of the public, local, state and federal governmental agencies, health care associations and providers, regulators and educators. Extensive experience in media relations and press releases, as well as public speaking and education before private and public groups, non-profit organizations, political groups and schools.

- **Enhanced cooperative efforts between federal, tribal, state, and local public safety agencies.**
- **Developed successful fraud investigation programs (i.e.: welfare, workers compensation, Medicaid)**
- **Obtained funding and established the Karl Ohs Building at MLEA, which is a state of the art law enforcement training facility**
- **Revised training program at MLEA to establish the nation's first scenario based training program for law enforcement**
- **Developed the Montana Fusion Intelligence Center, which is the only collaborative law enforcement intelligence program in the state.**
- **Recognized nationally for coordination of law enforcement response and activity involving criminal extremist investigations/incidents (i.e.: Freeman, Gordon Sellner)**
- **Organized and managed Montana's Law Enforcement Associations' legislative meeting and testimony coordination**
- **Lead project which resulted in resource acquisition of Live Scan fingerprint system, which automated Montana's ability to electronically capture and submit fingerprints**
- **Developed the Children's Justice Center, designed to enhance Montana's ability to effectively respond to crimes against children**
- **Created the Sexual and Violent Offenders Registry (SVOR) compliance program which is a collaborative effort with local law enforcement to effectively apprehend and monitor offenders**
- **Established a Risk Management program which is incorporated into the curriculum at MLEA to ensure law enforcement officers are aware of legal liabilities of their job duties (i.e.: vehicle pursuit, use of force, racial profiling)**
- **Lead team efforts to create the public safety officer career pay band/ladder.**
- **Lobbied the state legislature for several laws that specifically addressed important public safety issues, such as the Prescription Drug Registry, controlling pseudoephedrine, and establishing the computer forensic unit**
- **Implemented the first state-wide drug task-forces in Montana to address organized criminal activity**

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT CONFIRMATION REVIEW FORM

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Montana Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire must be completed in full. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. If an item of information is "unknown," so state.

Applicants are also strongly encouraged to attach a current resume or curriculum vitae.

Office or Position Sought

Director, Department of Corrections

Date of Nomination November 30, 2012

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION – SECTION 1

Full Name Mike Batista

List each maiden name, nickname, and any other names you have ever used or been known by

Current Residence 919 Stuart St.

City Helena

State Montana

Zip 59601

Years at current residence 20

If less than two years at current address, please list previous address

City

State

Zip

Years at previous residence

Business Phone Number
(406) 444-4913

Email Address
MBatista@mt.gov

Date of Birth 07/28/59

Place of Birth Great Falls, MT

Are you a citizen of the United States?

Are you a resident of Montana?

☒ Yes ☐ No

☒ Yes ☐ No

Spouse's Name (if married or separated): Shelly Batista

MEMBERSHIPS – SECTION 4

List any professional or occupational licenses you have held or now hold. (Attach a list if necessary)

Name of Licensing Agency	License Number	Date(s) Licensed

Have you ever been the subject of any professional disciplinary proceeding or had any professional license or permit revoked or restricted upon a finding of professional misconduct? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please write a detailed explanation on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form

List any memberships or offices you have held or now hold in professional, community, or trade organizations during the last ten (10) years. Begin with the most recent information (Attach a list if necessary)

Organization Name	Position(s) Held
Rocky Mountain Information Network, Board of Directors	Chairperson
Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies	President
Alpha Phi Sigma, That National Criminal Justice Honor Society, Epsilon 11 Chapter	President
Search, The National Criminal Justice Information Consortium	Governor Appointee
National Children's Alliance, Board of Directors	Chairperson of the Public Policy Committee

INTERESTS AND DUTIES – SECTION 8

Briefly explain your interest in the office to which you have been nominated

My interest began when I was in college and my criminology professor made corrections a significant part of his curriculum. He took his classes on field trips to prisons and jails.

In my two decades with the Department of Justice, my work was mostly focused on the early part of the criminal justice system where crimes are under investigation and convictions have yet to occur.

But I always recognized the critical role that corrections plays at the end of the criminal justice process in which I was involved. I realized how important the work of corrections is in trying to keep offenders from making return trips through law enforcement, courts, and incarceration.

With my background and experience, I believe I bring a unique perspective to leadership of this agency. I understand how the other portions of the criminal justice system work. I have seen instances where offenders return time and again to the system. Corrections is the department that can do something about that.

Briefly identify three (3) key challenges you see facing the agency or office to which you were nominated for appointment

- Reducing recidivism - Although Montana's recidivism rate of 39 percent is below the national average, I would like to see it lowered. I want to see a smaller proportion of inmates returning to prison within their first three years after release. I believe the department's efforts at enhancing reentry programs and services - those designed to help offenders succeed when returning to their communities - are the best bet for reducing the rate.
- Planning for the future - Unfortunately, the fact is the prison population is likely to continue growing, although our goal is to do all we can to keep that pace as slow as possible. The corrections system must ensure that it has sufficient capacity in secure care and in community corrections programs to handle the number of offenders sent to it by the courts. This requires foresight and planning ahead to have placements available that are the most appropriate and will have the most benefit for offenders.
- Recruitment and retention of secure care staff - Our ability to attract and keep correctional officers and other direct-care staff at Montana State Prison and in our youth facilities is a significant challenge. These jobs require working with a difficult and sometimes dangerous population, and doing it for relatively little pay. We have to compete with private business, other detention centers, and the oil field wages in eastern Montana. Finding and keeping qualified, dependable and committed staff in our facilities is crucial to their safe operation.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION – CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Since (and including) your 18th birthday, have you ever been charged of committing a crime? Do not include minor traffic offenses resulting in fines less than \$100 and offenses sealed by court order

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please write a detailed explanation on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form

Since (and including) your 18th birthday, have you ever been or are you currently on probation or parole?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please write a detailed explanation on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form

To the best of your knowledge have you ever been the subject of a federal or state criminal investigation?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please write a detailed explanation on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form

FORM D-1 BUSINESS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, PAGE 2

9. OTHER BUSINESS INTERESTS

List each business (corporation, partnership, or other business or professional entity or trust) in which you hold an interest that currently is valued at \$1,000 or more. (Attach a list if necessary)

- A "business interest" DOES include ownership of any security, equity, or evidence of indebtedness in any business corporation or other entity. If the security is a privately held corporation, list the name and address of the corporation. If the security is a corporation listed on a regulated stock exchange, list the name of the corporation; no address is required. If the security is held in a mutual fund, unit investment trust, or real estate investment trust, list the name of the fund or trust and NOT the individual name of the corporation; no address is required.
- A "business interest" DOES NOT include ownership of personal property not held for use or sale in a business or for investment (vehicles/household furnishings), cash surrender value of any insurance policy or annuity, bank deposits or certificates of deposit if not held for use in a business, and securities issued by any government or political subdivision.

Name of Business _____

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10. REAL PROPERTY

List all property (*other than one personal residence*) in which you hold an interest, if that interest currently has a fair market value of \$1,000 or more. An "interest" includes a fee, life estate, joint or common tenancy, leasehold beneficial interest (through a trust), option to purchase, or mineral or royalty interest. (Attach a list if necessary)

General Description of Property _____

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